

Application No. 09/813,213
Response to Final Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-17, 20 and 21 is respectfully acknowledged.

RE: CLAIMS 18 and 19

Claim 18 has been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the automatic magnification selecting section automatically determines a magnification factor utilized for forming the image on the wide recording material, based on (i) the standard fixed-form size corresponding to the wide recording material and (ii) a size of the document, with respect to each dimension of the document, as supported by the disclosure in the specification at, for example, page 50, line 16 to page 53, line 2.

As explained in the specification, with this structure, even if the wide recording material is, for example, 500mm by 300mm, the standard fixed-form size, such as B5, corresponding to the wide recording material is used as the size of the recording material to calculate magnification or reduction amounts.

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It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 18, and claim 19 depending therefrom, are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn, and that claims 18 and 19 be allowed along with allowed claims 1, 2, 5-17, 20 and 21.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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